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509 West Third Avenue  
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Re: NC Company - Fourth Avenue Gambell Property  
Our File: MAPA-01

Dear Jim:

Please excuse the delay in responding to your inquiry. My clients have been attempting to get subsurface samples of material at the site for analysis, but the snow on the lot has been slow to melt. We anticipate that the sampling and testing will be complete in ten (10) days and we will then be in a position to discuss the matter with some realism.

My clients are interested in discussing the problems as soon as possible, and we will contact you as soon as we have concrete information on the subsurface condition.

Sincerely,

  
Robert C. Erwin

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cc: Paul Maney